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Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Office Action issued February 2, 1999 on the above-identified application. Please amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 1, 5, 10 and 31.

Rewrite claims 11, 12 and 32 as follows:

Claim 11 (Twice Amended)

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A particulate cathodic material for use in a rechargeable lithium electrochemical cell wherein each particle comprises:

a lithiated transition metal oxide core functional as an intercalation cathode consisting of lithium nickel dioxide or lithium nickel cobalt dioxide having the formula $\text{LiNi}_x\text{Co}_y\text{O}_2$ wherein $y > 0$, or a mixture thereof, and
a lithium ion conductor coated on each particle of said core, said conductor having electron conductive properties and being functional to